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SUBJECT: FOREIGN DIPLOMATS OBSERVATIONS ON ALLEGED
U.S. BOMBING OF SIEM REAP

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1. EMBASSY DISCUSSED PHNOM PENH RADIO ALLEGATIONS OF
U.S. BOMBING SIEM REAP WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY MORNING
MARCH 9 (AMERICAN AFFAIRS, BEN REDJEB).

2. BEN REDJEB GAVE NO INDICATION THAT HE DISBELIEVED
U.S. DENIAL AND SAID GOT INFORMATION ON GENERAL
SITUATION CAMBODIA "NOT AT ALL CLEAR". IN REGARD TO
THE PRESENCE OF TUNISIAN DIPLOMAT IN SIEM REAP, HE SAID
THAT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT MISSIONS IN
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PEKING WHOSE GOVERNMENTS HAD RECOGNIZED CAMBODIAN

REGIME HAD BEEN INVITED VISIT PHNOM PENH TO ESTABLISH CONTACT. TUNISIAN AMBASSADOR PEKING, WHO WOULD BE ACCREDITED PHNOM PENH, HAD NOT ACCEPTED INVITATION, SINCE HE NOT READY TO PRESENT CREDENTIALS. HE HAD INSTEAD SENT TUNISIAN COUNSELOR PEKING BOUHAOUALA. GOT HAD NOT YET RECEIVED REPORT OF BOUHAOUALA VISIT TO CAMBODIA BUT EXPECTED ONE. BEN REDJEB SAID BOUHAOUALA WOULD CERTAINLY NOT HAVE KNOWINGLY LENT HIMSELF TO ANY ANTI-U.S. PROPAGANDA EFFORT. HE ALSO CAREFUL REPORTER, AND IF HE HAD IN FACT VISITED SIEM REAP, HE WOULD REPORT FULLY ON VISIT, IN WHICH CASE FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD PASS ALONG ANY INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO USG.

3. IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT GOT FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL QUERY ITS EMBASSY IN PEKING ON SIEM REAP AFFAIR, AND WE MAY HAVE SOME MORE INFORMATION WITHIN A FEW DAYS.
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